

BEARFACTS 1991 – 2001 Columbia, Georgia [13073]

Columbia is one of 159 counties in Georgia. It is part of the <u>Augusta-Richmond County</u>, <u>GA-SC (MSA)</u>. Its 2001 population of 91,521 ranked 22nd in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2001 Columbia had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$30,243. This PCPI ranked 9th in the state and was 106 percent of the state average, \$28,582, and 99 percent of the national average, \$30,582. The 2001 PCPI reflected an increase of 1.6 percent from 2000. The 2000-2001 state change was 2.1 percent and the national change was 2.5 percent. In 1991 the PCPI of Columbia was \$20,085 and ranked 6th in the state. The 1991-2001 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.7 percent and for the nation was 4.4 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2001 Columbia had a total personal income (TPI) of \$2,767,875*. This TPI ranked 16th in the state and accounted for 1.2 percent of the state total. In 1991 the TPI of Columbia was \$1,398,413* and ranked 16th in the state. The 2001 TPI reflected an increase of 3.6 percent from 2000. The 2000-2001 state change was 4.5 percent and the national change was 3.5 percent. The 1991-2001 average annual growth rate of TPI was 7.1 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 7.2 percent and for the nation was 5.6 percent.

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Columbia. In 2001 net earnings accounted for 72.8 percent of TPI (compared with 80.2 in 1991); dividends, interest, and rent were 17.8 percent (compared with 12.9 in 1991); and personal current transfer receipts were 9.5 percent (compared with 6.9 in 1991). From 2000 to 2001 net earnings increased 2.5 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 2.1 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 15.9 percent. From 1991 to 2001 net earnings increased on average 6.0 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 10.4 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Columbia increased from \$791,317* in 2000 to \$817,153* in 2001, an increase of 3.3 percent. The 2000-2001 state change was 3.8 percent and the national change was 3.1 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1991 estimate of \$357,708* to the 2001 estimate was 8.6 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 7.4 percent and for the nation was 5.8 percent.

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^{*}Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.